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Column One
By David Courtney

IT is the season of goodwill. Hanukka and Christmas have fallen together and by that token, Christian and Jew alike should be happy in the consciousness of their own, each other's, and their neighbour's goodness. It is a seasonable convention, of course, which may be justified as a fact at least for the day and the occasion. One could wish the day and the occasion lengthened. One could wish the amity raised up from the family to the national level and from the national to the international. But goodwill as a convention is not goodwill as an intention; and the occasion of the next day or two, internationally speaking, is a kind of holiday gap.

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THE Jewish festival has also coincided with the emergency of gale and flood. One thing can be said. Goodwill on a majestic scale has been brought out in Israel by the national calamity. Often it is so. In the present and visible plight of their fellows men become humane, not merely human. Catastrophe makes short work of our daily conceits and elaborate ideologies. The pity of it is that catastrophe is needed to do so.

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SOMETHING of the same fellow-feeling has developed in this country as a result of the tempestuous conditions of the past week and their effects upon a large number of newcomers. The call for help has been answered. It can be answered more intensely yet, but on the present evidence the people of Israel have shown awareness of their responsibility and a warm readiness to accept the burden. As this column has pointed out before, it is, in fact, an international burden; and part and parcel of a calamity that has spread far wider than Israel. In 48 hours, 217 children in the storm-swept Arab refugee camps of Lebanon and Jordan died of exposure and 1,739 tents and huts in Jordan were destoyed. It is said that hardly one of the tents in the Gaza strip survived. The U.N. relief organization has been working hard among the Arabs but its means are pitiable.

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WHATEVER blame may be given the Israel Government and Jewish Agency for shoddy dwellings and unsuitable sites, their handling of the catastrophe when the catastrophe came was something to be proud of by comparison with what was done on the other side of the frontiers. The fact remains that these appalling problems are beyond the normal means of any small nation; and that, if the great and wealthy nations want a stable world, even if only within their own spheres of influence, they had better do something to help the vast numbers of the luckless to work, food, and a roof over their heads that will stay over their heads.

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IT is the season of goodwill. Widespread goodwill for a week, for one day even, is something to be thankful for. But it is needed as something more than a convention. There are hundreds of thousands of refugees in Korea and next Thursday, if all the signs come true, the Panmunjom bickering will end and the war will be intensified and the new year will bring a few hundred thousand more refugees. Cardinal Spellman has gone to Korea to give spiritual comfort; but what spiritual comfort can there be? If there is a lesson in the season of goodwill now upon us it is high time we learned it.

Tel Aviv, December 24.

Weather Delays Sharett's Return

POST Correspondent

PARIS, Sunday. — Mr. Sharett's return to Israel has been delayed because of the weather, and he is now expected to arrive at Lydda on Tuesday.

The Israel Foreign Minister completed his series of private meetings with the Foreign Ministers of the big powers when he met Mr. Vyshinsky yesterday.

The meeting lasted three-quarters of an hour and was reported to have been cordial. The conversations were in Russian. Although complete secrecy has been maintained even about the subjects discussed, it was said before the meeting that the questions of the proposed Middle East Command and the migration of Jews from the Communist countries would be on the agenda.

Mr. David Hacohen, M.K., accompanied Mr. Sharett.

Churchill Paints Grim Future, But Silent on Policy

By A. V. Sherman,
POST Correspondent

LONDON, Sunday. — The Conservative election buntings have only now been finally dismantled by Mr. Churchill's political broadcast on Saturday night: "I have nothing to propose that is easy. A certain number of unpleasant things have been done already. They are only the beginning of what lies ahead," he said. Mr. Churchill sounded one cheerful note, however, when he expressed the belief that there would be no war.

The speech, in the best "blood, sweat and tears" tradition, contrasted strongly with the enthusiastic election speeches made all over the country only three months ago. Mr. Churchill asked the country to eschew party political warfare in favour of a common effort. At the same time he took the opportunity to blame much of the present trouble on the six years of Labour rule.

The Prime Minister confined himself to speaking in general terms of the need to increase productivity, and of further harsh measures in the future. But he gave no inkling of specific ideas or policies. Referring to American aid, he said, "I do not want any exaggerated hope or importance to be attached to my visit to Washington."

The "Observer" claims in a Washington dispatch that Britain is likely to receive $300m. in economic aid in addition to military aid. This amount, if granted in large doses and wisely used, would probably give sufficient impetus to British economy to jerk it out of its present over-strained lethargy.

This, however, could hardly entail less planning or control, subjects on which Mr. Churchill was discreetly silent. Perhaps party political broadcasts are not the best place to expound policy, but sooner or later it will have to be expounded.

Heavy Fine Imposed on 4 U.S. Flyers in Hungary Spy Trial

BUDAPEST, Sunday. — The four U.S. airmen held by the Hungarian authorities since Nov. 19, were tried by a Budapest military court today and fined 360,000 florins (£11,000) each, it was officially announced this afternoon. In default of payment, they must serve three months in prison, the announcement said.

The court found them guilty of violating the Hungarian borders. It ordered the plane and equipment to be confiscated.

The trial surprised the U.S. Minister in Budapest, Mr. Christian Raundal. "We had no idea when a trial would be held," he told reporters. "It is a complete surprise to me."

Usually reliable sources in Washington said yesterday that the U.S. had taken up with Russia the case of the four American airmen.

The U.S. Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Hugh Cummings, conferred with the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, M. Valerian A. Zorin, at the Kremlin yesterday.

The sources said Mr. Cummings warned Russia of the strong adverse effect it would have on U.S. public opinion if Hungary went ahead with her announced plan to try the airmen as "spy carriers."

(Reuter, AP)

Point Four Officials Killed in Plane Crash

TEHERAN, Sunday (UP). — All 22 passengers and crew were killed in an Egyptian Air line plane which crashed and burst into flames near the airport here last night. Among the dead were Dr. Henry G. Bennett, U.S. Point Four Administrator, his wife and three other Point Four officials; Mr. Benjamin Hardy, Public Affairs Officer; Mr. James T. Hitchell, audio-visual specialist; and Mr. A.C. Crilley, Special Assistant to Dr. Bennett.

The bodies were burned beyond recognition in the wreckage which was strewn on a hillside five kilometres from the airport. The plane which had flown in from Baghdad circled the airport for more than an hour but was unable to land due to storm. It signalled that it was returning to Baghdad, after which all contact was lost. The plane apparently crashed into the base of a mountain.

An American Embassy search mission in jeeps, headed by Ambassador Loy Henderson, found the wreckage this morning. Dr. Bennett was scheduled to arrive last week but was delayed by bad weather.

50.000 U.N. Men Not Listed

PANMUNJOM, Sunday (Reuter). — U.N. cease-fire delegates today accused the Communists of failing to account for more than 50,000 Allied prisoners they claim to have taken. The Communist reply was that the majority of prisoners had been released at the front "and that others had been killed in Allied air raids or died of sickness."

With only four days left to settle differences on the basis of the temporary demarcation line, the truce talks made "absolutely no progress" today, according to Brigadier General William Nuckols, U.N. spokesman.

If full agreement is not reached by then, the present line will be revised according to battle developments. This could encourage both sides to resume full scale fighting to make territorial gains, but some quarters have suggested that the time limit may be extended.

Rear Admiral Libby, the Chief Allied delegate on the committee, questioned the accuracy of the Communist list of about 11,000 Allied prisoners of war, including South Koreans, which they submitted last week. Communist Headquarters had earlier claimed 65,363 prisoners from June, 1950 to March, 1951.

Two Proposals Rejected

The Admiral, told the Communists that their previous announcements had indicated the existence of more P.O.W. camps than they listed. The opposing side replied that several camps had been moved and others combined.

Asked whether all U.N. prisoners were in North Korea, the Communist delegate replied that none were in camps "abroad."

The Communists rejected a revised Allied proposal that there should be no veto power in the commission for supervising an armistice. They also refused again to agree to unrestricted rotation and replenishment of troops during an armistice and to restrictions on airfield construction.

"These are two of the major problems to be settled before December 27.

The battlefront today was still comparatively quiet.

U.S. Now Enjoys Xmas Weather

By Jesse Zel Lurie,
POST Correspondent

NEW YORK, Sunday. — Those New Yorkers who were not suffering from a hangover yesterday, from Christmas office parties which lasted far into the night, were able to enjoy perfect winter weather, brisk and sunny.

Ski enthusiasts, taking advantage of the first sunshine after a full week of rain and sleet, with temperatures changing overnight from five to fifty degrees, headed for the Adirondacks and New England, heavily taxing a transportation system already overloaded with homegoing four-day Christmas week-enders.

In the Midwest it was a week of snow and cold, causing 290 deaths. Chicago registered a total of 39 inches of snow, a record for so early in winter. In Detroit yesterday 3,999 unemployed lined up outside the city for less than a thousand jobs available as snowshovellers and the police had a difficult time averting a riot.

The National Safety Council announced on Friday that 999,906 persons had been killed in traffic accidents since Halbliss was killed by a horseless carriage in 1899.

U.S. weather news pales beside reports from Israel. "Harassed Israel faces more rain; air force parachutes bread to camps" the headline in the "New York Times" read. A veteran Zionist reading the story shook his head sadly. "Two years ago snow, last year drought, this year floods. Is God in league with the U.J.A.?"

Truman Intervenes In Steel Dispute

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — President Truman last night referred a steel industry dispute to the Wage Stabilisation Board, in an effort to avoid a nation-wide strike, involving almost 1,000,000 men, in the new year.

President Truman's action followed the collapse yesterday of Federal mediation efforts to reach a wage agreement between the Steel Workers Union and leading steel companies.

The Union asked for a $0.185 an hour pay rise and several other benefits, present average pay in the industry being just under two dollars an hour.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Seamen's Convention, in a closed session last night, is reported to have decided to end the seamen's strike. It is not certain whether the decision will be placed before the Seamen's General Assembly in Haifa for a final vote.

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A Greek Court of Reprieve yesterday commuted the sentence passed on the former German Commander of Crete to one of four years' imprisonment — which means that he will be freed at the end of the year. General Alexander Andre, Commander of the occupation garrison in Crete, was tried by a Greek war criminals' court and found guilty of mass murders.

Egyptians Loot Embassy Car

CAIRO, Sunday. — Egyptian guerrillas wrecked and burned a British Embassy car between Cairo and Suez yesterday, looting Christmas packages inside the vehicle. This was the first Egyptian attack on a car with diplomatic licence plates.

Egyptians also threw bombs at the British Army water filtration plant near Ismailia, without causing damage, and severed a railway line near Suez with explosives. An Egyptian attempting to cut cables near Suez was wounded by British patrols.

General Erskine, British Commander in the Canal Zone, in a Christmas message to his troops, said that the military position in the Zone would be maintained "firm and secure." A communique by British Headquarters said that Egyptian intimidation of non-Egyptian War Department workers was increasing.

Cabinet Meeting

At the Egyptian Cabinet's meeting today, the Foreign Minister, Salah e-Din, reported on his meeting with Mr. Eden; a draft bill for the boycott of the foreign occupation army was discussed and £E10,000 was set aside for aid to the flood victims in the Gaza strip. The cabinet also decided to consider at its next meeting implementing its recent decision to permit the free arming of the Egyptian population.

The crew of the Egyptian vessel "Star of Luxor" yesterday walked off the ship at Oakland, California, demanding a pay increase of over 100 per cent. Their demands were granted.

(AP, Reuter, UP)

Libya on Eve Of Independence

PARIS, Sunday. — The Libyan authorities received power over foreign affairs and defence at one minute after midnight, the U.N. reported today. The transfer of responsibility came some hours before the proclamation of the new North African state's independence, under King Sayyed Idris e-Senussi.

Responsibility for the two key ministries was handed over by the British and French Residents in Tripolitania, Cyrenaica and Fezzan, who have been administering the territories for the past eight years.

The British Government yesterday asked Italy to grant quick recognition to the new Libya. Azzam Pasha said that the Arab League would give consideration to any application by Libya for membership of the League.

Jordan, Egypt and Syria sent congratulations to the Libyan authorities on the attainment of independence.

(AP, Reuter)

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Troops Guard Majlis Against Mob

TEHERAN, Sunday. — Troops with fixed bayonets guarded 15 opposition deputies and about 70 anti-Mossadegh newspaper editors, who have taken refuge inside the Majlis, against a mob of bazaar traders and followers of the nationalistic cleric Abolghassen Kashani. The crowd outside the building threatened to "tear them to pieces."

Kashani in a statement earlier today demanded an immediate apology from opposition deputies who attacked him in speeches. Later, after a secret session of the House the Speaker promised to vindicate Kashani's honour. The crowd then dispersed.

The special police guard was summoned by the Speaker himself. They took up positions behind barricades inside the Majlis while in the square troops and mounted police with slung carbines cordoned off the area. They had orders to shoot anyone trying to force his way into the Parliament building.

The interior of the Majlis looked like a displaced persons camp with hundreds of people who had taken refuge there in accordance with the tradition of Parliamentary sanctuary.

In a broadcast last night Premier Mossadegh appealed to the people to support the Government's economic policy by contributing to the national loan which opened yesterday.

(UP, Reuter)

80 Dead in Mine Blast

WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS, Sunday (UP). — Officials reported that about 80 men were killed in the explosion which rocked the world's biggest shaft coal mine here yesterday. According to these figures, about 130 escaped after the blast.

Israel Must Deal With Germany On Claims — Eban

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Israel Ambassador to Washington, Mr. Abba Eban, said today that Israel must make up its mind to negotiate directly with Germany, or give up hopes for the $1,500 m. claim for reparations.

The Ambassador said that the American Government acknowledged the justice of Israel's claim and was prepared to take action commensurate with these views. But, he added, they would not consent to press Germany with the Jewish demands. None of the other three powers approached — Russia, Great Britain or France — was ready to do it.

Mr. Eban said categorically that there had been no direct negotiations with the Germans. He said the Government and Jewish organizations "would have to choose between taking the initiative or letting the matter die from inaction."

The Ambassador, appearing in the Public Information Offices this afternoon, also discussed the proposed Middle East Command. There were differences of outlook between the U.S. and Israel, he said, and diplomatic steps had been taken to explain the special considerations of Israel; he felt that there was a growing understanding.

The Ambassador was questioned by representatives of Leftist newspapers as to what the word "mutual" in "mutual assistance" stood for. What commitments did Israel undertake, they wanted to know? Mr. Eban said that Israel had given no undertakings other than to accept the money and to spend it on specific approved projects. If the U.S. felt that this benefited them or gave them pleasure, it was a noble spirit, he added, in explanation of the nomenclature.

Military Aid

With regard to the $14m. military aid funds for the Middle East, which the U.S. Congress had voted for use at the discretion of President Truman, Mr. Eban said there had been no developments. President Truman had not indicated that he wished to use the money, and Middle East countries had not applied for funds, he said.

Mr. Eban, who became Ambassador to Washington a year ago, said that relations with the U.S. Government had improved. He explained that some time ago, there had been a widespread belief that the assistance rendered to Israel by the United States, had disturbed relations with the Arab States. It was now clear, however, that the worsening of relations with the Arab States had nothing to do with Israel. The fundamental problems—the Suez Canal, Sudan, Iran and the nationalism in North Africa—would have existed even if there had been no Israel, he declared.

With regard to the U.N. General Assembly, Mr. Eban expressed satisfaction that there was no more serious talk regarding the return of Arab refugees to Israel. He said this narrowed the area of conflict and encouraged hope for a basic solution.

Answering questions about the American-Jewish scene, the Ambassador said that before the creation of the State of Israel the American Zionists stood alone in the fight. But after May 14, 1948, all the American Jews outside the Zionist Organizations were ready to help. "This does not mean there is no field for activity by American Zionists," he said, and the Zionists "should be glad that they are no longer isolated, and that they have lost the monopoly they held for generations."

He pointed out that non-Zionists headed the United Jewish Appeal, the bond drive, and had led the campaign for the Government grant-in-aid.

ELATH AIR LINE

Arkia's air service to Elath has been discontinued since Thursday due to the weather. A freight plane which tried to reach Elath on Friday could not land there and returned.

Menorot Shine Through Rain

Against the glowering sky, the first Hanukka "candles" flashed above Tel Aviv when a blue menorah was switched over one of the city's synagogues. The big electric menorah over the Great Synagogue was lit at the same time.

In Jerusalem the blue neon menorah over the Knesset Building lit up King George Avenue.

The Feast of Lights was celebrated in darkness at the Talpiot *ma'bara* in Jerusalem last night as the electricity failed, and the eight electric "candles" atop the mobile candelabrum sent out by the Ministry of Religious Affairs shone the more brightly in the rain and mist. The Ministry's truck drove through the *ma'bara*, stopping here and there to broadcast music and excerpts from speeches by the Chief Rabbis and others.

Songs in the Dark

Kerosene lanterns shed some light; home-made stoves built of benzene tins and crammed full with drying wood shed some more. In one school, a group of adults and young people sat in dark, softened only by the Hanukka candles, and sang gay Hanukka songs which somehow sounded a bit solemn. When the electric lights came on again, they revealed a group of young people in another school, waiting patiently for a modest celebration to begin refreshments: oranges and austerity cakes.

The overall impression was far from festive.

IL.8,306 FOR TOYS

Cash and toys poured into the offices of *The Post* yesterday as the campaign in aid of the *ma'bara* children entered its final stages.

Cash contributions of IL.531.849 brought the total to date up to IL.8,306.849.

The distribution schedule of the toys, upset by the weather emergency, is being revised, but initial consignments are already being made. *Ma'barot* in the Beersheba and southern areas are being supplied today.

IL.3m. Flood Damage; Relief Tempo Increases

Woman Drowned, 34 Injured

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — No further damage was reported today from ma'barot all over the country. The rescue and relief operations are functioning at full speed, the Jewish Agency reported here tonight.

In Petah Tikva yesterday, Mrs. Rozina Bromel, 34, mother of two children, while on a visit to relatives in the *ma'bara*, tried to step over a ditch filled with water despite warning not to do so, fell in and was instantly drowned.

Thirty-four persons were injured during the last few days in Tel Aviv by falling on the wet pavements and roads. The search for two children who disappeared from a Jaffa evacuation centre continued today. The children, Raphael Sasson, 12, and his brother Menahem, 5, were evacuated with their parents from the Hatikva quarter, but became separated.

About 1,000 volunteers this morning went to the Hiryia, Sakia, Givat Brenner and Petah Tikva **ma'barot** to help in digging drainage ditches. They were members of political youth movements, students of the Histadrut workers' school here, officials of the Food Control office, the Foreign Ministry and the Histadrut Executive. The Jewish Agency Absorption Department, in a meeting with representatives of all youth movements, today completed plans for relief work in the **ma'barot** throughout Hanukka.

Listing delays in the arrival of wooden huts from abroad, the Agency reported that 1,148 huts have been on their way to Haifa for a considerable time. Since November 28, 1,000 additional huts have been lying in Trieste.

In the strike-bound s.s. Dromit also in Trieste, another 1,250 huts are awaiting transportation to this country. The arrival of these huts will relieve the situation in **ma'barot** to a considerable extent.

All roads leading from Tel Aviv were negotiable and bridges in the area were clear, the police announced at one o'clock this afternoon. Bus services functioned normally by this evening. Many fields, orchards and orange-groves were, however, still under water, due to intermittent rains throughout the day. In Holon and other districts to the south of Tel Aviv, mud was knee-deep.

The Haifa-Tel Aviv railway will be reopened to traffic tomorrow morning. The embankment near Hadera which was washed away has been repaired.

As the weather worsened in the evening, all rescue organizations were standing by to cope with flood waters from Wadi Musrara in the Montefiore quarter. Throughout the day, the wadi rose a metre and a half. Some Ezra quarter inhabitants here evacuated in the morning.

In the Montefiore quarter, police and firemen, both regulars and volunteers, pumped all day in an effort to keep the waters under control.

Thousands of evacuees have been pouring into Tel Aviv from neighbouring **ma'barot**.

In all the **ma'barot**, even those most affected by floods, some families remained, and no **ma'bara** has been completely deserted.

Soldiers with fixed bayonets are guarding the ma'barot **from which the majority of the residents have been evacuated. The** ma'barot **have been surrounded by barbed wire and nobody may remove anything without written permission from the** ma'bara **director.**

Busloads of evacuees from the Ezra quarter were brought into city schools tonight.

Barefoot Children

A **POST** reporter who visited the Takhkemoni School which is filled with evacuees from the Ezra quarter, found many of the children were barefoot. They had some powdered milk and some porridge, but appeals for more food and for blankets were sent to the relief organizations.

Forty houses near the railway in Ramle are in danger of collapse. Flood water in the area reached two metres. While Army and police evacuated the residents, special squads dug ditches under the railway to divert the water.

MORE RAIN

More rain was forecast for today by the Meteorological Service last night.

There will be intermittent showers with few temporary clearings.

A severe shortage of bread and kerosene has been felt in Ramle in the last few days. Grocery shopkeepers who held some supplies refused to sell them, claiming that they were for their regular customers. In some cases fights broke out.

The Histadrut Executive today decided to set up a "Ma'barot General Staff" to coordinate the work of Histadrut members for ma'barot, Mr. Reuven Barkatt announced at a special meeting of the Executive called today to hear reports on relief work in flooded areas.

The "Staff" has been allocated a "substantial sum," Mr. Barkatt said.

Secretaries of Labour Councils in flooded areas said there were only three groups in the **ma'barot** aid campaign: the Jewish Agency, the Army and the Histadrut. Some **ma'bara** residents acted as if nothing going on concerned them, while others offered to aid those neighbours who had suffered more. Many speakers accused private contractors of "criminal neglect" in constructing **ma'bara** huts. Canvas huts, it was stated, were unsuitable for winter, especially in the Jerusalem area.

All Wizo resources have been mobilized to give immediate emergency aid to flood victims in various parts of the country. Thousands of garments rushed from the organization's stores have been supplied to 14 **ma'barot**.

Over the weekend, 13,500 loaves of bread and other supplies were sent to a number of **ma'barot** by Malben, it was announced yesterday. A jar of jam, from Malben's emergency stocks, is being distributed to each **ma'bara** family.

At a meeting today of the various Tel Aviv Municipal departments connected with rescue work in flooded areas, the following arrangements were made:

All information concerning damaged buildings, or imminent danger to buildings and information about unserviceable roads should be reported to the Municipal Engineering Department in Rehov Spinoza (Telephone 67714) at any time of day or night. If first aid is needed, the Magen David Adom should be contacted in the normal way.

If clothing or temporary housing are needed for evacuees, the Welfare Department should be contacted at 9 Rehov Mapu, (Telephone 67976). In case of flooding, the A.R.P. should be called immediately at 49 Rehov Gordon, (Telephones 4969 and 67891).

Fires in Jerusalem

Police and the Army continued to evacuate children from the **ma'barot** in the Jerusalem Corridor to Kiryat Anavim and Ma'ale Hahamisha, while some adults were taken to Bet Nekufa.

Three fires were caused by the unsettled weather in Jerusalem, ITIM reports. The first broke out in the Blue Band margarine packing plant in Mahane Yehuda where a short circuit ignited paper with slight damage. Wind overturned a kerosene stove in the office of the Custodian of Absentee Property, burning some furniture. A third fire occurred in a flat in Rehov Zefania where another kerosene stove overturned, causing considerable damage to furniture.

The Jerusalem Fire Brigade pumped water out of 12 basement flats yesterday. The main water-pipe in Rehov Shmuel Hanavi burst and caused flooding to nearby basement apartments.

Teachers in **ma'barot** at Mekor Haim and Talpiot, in Jerusalem and Castel in the Corridor have been asked by the Ministry of Education to continue their classes during Hanukka, it was announced today.

The Magen David Adom in Haifa issued a call to all its women members to help, **ma'barot** children. Over 1,000 children are now concentrated at Athlit.

Fifteen Navy men on leave on Friday went to the flooded Kfar Hassidim "A" **ma'bara**. Up to their chins in water and tied to each other by ropes, they opened up a channel and drained it within 24 hours.

The Hadera bridge which connects the town with the railway station has been out of use since Friday, when a crack was discovered in its span. An Army Engineering Unit began putting up a Bailey bridge today. It is expected to be completed tomorrow. Repairs on the old bridge will be made by the Government Public Works Department.

Hadera is the wettest spot in the country to date. It has had 464mm. of rain as against 280mm. during the whole of last year. The average rainfall for the area is 600mm.

Work on pouring concrete slabs for the huts for the Nahariya **ma'bara** which is to be transferred to a new site started this morning. Light rain which fell today did not interfere with the work. Sixty families received flats in the Government Housing Project today. The students of the Ulpan here have invited all **ma'bara** children to a performance of Cinderella tomorrow.

Cold winds and rain have swept Elath in the past two days. The Edom Hills in Jordan are covered with snow.

Cabinet Reviews Plight of Ma'barot

The flood damage was estimated to be at least IL.3m. according to data submitted to the Cabinet's weekly meeting in Jerusalem yesterday, a Government spokesman said.

The Minister of Finance was instructed to make available all funds necessary for the emergency rescue operations.

The Cabinet discussed rescue operations and the immediate steps needed to alleviate the suffering of those affected. The Prime Minister and the Ministers of Labour and Social Welfare reported on the overall situation and on the measures already taken.

Damages caused to the tents, huts, installations and movable property in the **ma'barot**, as well as the immediate expenditures needed for rescue work, were already estimated at IL.1.5m., the Cabinet was told. When more complete reports are made including the damage to Government property, mainly roads and bridges, the figure will exceed IL.3m.

About 4,000 huts will have to be erected, with 1,800 already en route to Israel, while others are being built by the Army and local manufacturers. The Army furnished a large quantity of beds and blankets to the **ma'barot**. Other emergency services such as emergency kitchens, clothing, and medical care are being rendered by the Army and other public bodies, organizations and volunteers.

The extent of medical services necessary will be evident after a few days, when the health situation of the evacuees will be better known, the spokesman stated.

The Cabinet paid special tribute to the help given by the Army, the police, the Municipalities and by the volunteers from all sections of the population.

The special Cabinet meeting on the Haifa seamen's riots was deferred because of the flood, the spokesman said. The Cabinet however, briefly discussed the walkout when the Prime Minister reported on his findings. He noted that the sailors as well as the officers said work conditions had not caused the walkout. The Prime Minister noted with satisfaction that the entire merchant fleet — except the s.s. Dromit which is strikebound in Trieste — is functioning again, the spokesman said.

The Cabinet also discussed the proposed law giving legal status to the Zionist Movement. A Ministerial Committee, consisting of Mr. Ben Gurion, Dr. Dov Joseph, Mr. M. Shapira and Mrs. Golda Myerson, was appointed to discuss the drafting of the law in cooperation with the Jewish Agency Executive. The Committee was requested to conclude its work within one or two weeks and the Prime Minister stressed the urgency of the matter. The Government spokesman did not give the reason for this emphasis.

The official communique on the Cabinet meeting was as follows:

The Prime Minister reviewed the political situation and summarized his findings and conclusions on the seamen's strike, at the regular weekly meeting of the Cabinet yesterday.

The Cabinet discussed the law giving legal status to the Zionist Movement, and a Ministerial Committee was appointed which will discuss it together with representatives of the Zionist Executive.

A review of rescue work for flood victims was given, and appreciation was expressed for the work of the Army, the Police, the local authorities and of volunteers from all sectors of the population.

The Cabinet also discussed budgetary and financial questions raised by the floods.

QUICK REPLY

Less than 24 hours after flashing an urgent appeal to Cyprus, the Jewish Agency yesterday received 500 pairs of rubber boots and 1,000 rain capes and hoods for their *ma'barot* rescue squads.

They were flown in by a specially chartered plane.

The Knesset Labour and Public Works Committees meeting in joint emergency session yesterday in Tel Aviv to discuss the situation in the **ma'barot** sent a telegram to the striking crew of the s.s. Dromit in Trieste asking them to bring the ship to Israel immediately to enable the erection of the huts included in the cargo.

The Committees, meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Govrin and Dr. A. Altman, were surprised to hear that various organizations were seeking aid from abroad. It was pointed out that if such aid were sought, it should be done through the proper authorities.

The Ministers of Labour and Social Welfare, as well as the head of the Jewish Agency's Absorption Department, Mr. G. Josephthal, were present at the meeting.

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EIGHTH ARAB STATE

TODAY the British and French Governments are transferring full sovereign powers to the Government of the United Kingdom of Libya and thereby fulfilling the terms of the United Nations' resolution for the independence of Libya. The Emir of Cyrenaica, who is well remembered in this country from his war-time sojourn in Jerusalem, becomes King of Libya, uniting under his crown the territories of Cyrenaica, Tripolitania and Fezzan.

Libya is now added to the list of states which have secured their independence since the end of World War II: India, Pakistan, Burma, Israel, Indonesia, Jordan and others in south-east Asia and the Far East. This silent revolution, hitherto confined to Asia, has now been extended to Africa, where other countries, at varying speeds, are proceeding on the same path. It has not escaped notice that Egypt, despite her boundary dispute with Libya, has been at pains to be the first to establish diplomatic relations with the new Kingdom; and it seems certain that the Arab League, despite Azzam Pasha's personal unpopularity in Tripoli, will seek to draw Libya into its net.

There can be no doubt that Israel will accord recognition to the United Kingdom of Libya, more particularly as the new state has been established by resolution of the United Nations. It was, in fact, Israel's vote for Libyan independence that turned the scales when this issue, like others arising out of the defeat of Italy, came up for decision by the General Assembly. Though Israel might have been pardoned for not desiring the establishment of an eighth independent Arab state, she was in fact moved by the principles which were basic to her own struggle for freedom: the emancipation, independence and self-determination of all peoples. If it had not been for Israel's vote, the necessary two-thirds majority might well not have been obtained for the establishment of Libya as a sovereign state, and a regime of trusteeship would have been decreed in its place.

Libya will be welcomed into the family of nations, and her election to membership of the U.N. is automatic. The continued subsidization of Libya by the Western Powers, and the privileges and facilities which these powers will not cease to enjoy there, must make the new state suspect in the eyes of the Soviet Union. It may, however, be hoped that Libya's strategic importance, which is a matter of geography and not of choice, will not stand in her way as she proceeds towards consolidation of her independence and builds her new polity untramelled by any foreign suzerain.

FROM YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Party Lines Not Erased by Floods

WHILE the coalition and independent papers yesterday stressed that the "country has overcome the trial of the floods" (in the words of "Ha'aretz") the opposition papers, despite short introductory passages ("this is not the hour to make political accusations,") in fact dedicated most of their comment to accusations against the Government and the Jewish Agency.

"Our agriculture will suffer again," says "Ha'aretz," "because the surplus of water, which could have helped so much last year is now useless and is causing great damage." The paper says that the brunt of the immediate suffering is borne by the new immigrants. For more than two years, nobody dared criticize our unplanned and unbridled immigration policy with its budget insufficient to build immigrants' houses.

The editorial does not believe that the planners have made major mistakes in the various ma'barot, evidenced by the fact that only 1,600 out of 64,000 families had to be evacuated. The aid given by the army, police and volunteers appears to have been effective and devoted, and it is proof that we are capable of considerable efforts in an emergency. It should not be forgotten, however, that much remains to be done, especially by the medical authorities, in preventing disease and in caring for the evacuated.

Damage Preventable

"Haboker" (General Zionist) believes that at least part of the damage and suffering could have been prevented. "Only catastrophes arouse us to serious measures."

"Herut" also charges the Government with taking the right steps after the catastrophe, and demands the establishment of a permanent Knesset committee to deal with the problems of new immigrants.

"Hatsofe" (Mizrahi) praises the Army for its part in the present struggle against the elements. "It has been its finest hour since the War of Liberation. Then it was said that our soldiers jumped into the line of fire to save Jewish lives, and now it can be said, without exaggeration, that they jumped into the water to save lives, and continued to work in water and mud for over 12 hours in a slashing downpour without rest or food."

"Hamodia" (Agudat Israel) writes about the "Jewish heart which again has been revealed" in this difficult hour. Thousands have volunteered for the emergency, others have declared their readiness to shelter the evacuated children and families. The paper says that the Government should draw the obvious lesson and encourage building near cities in order to alleviate the existing pressure.

Readers' Letters

CHOSEN ON MERITS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — In your report on the bi-annual conference of the Israel Bar Association (Dec 18), you mentioned that all the members elected to the Central Committee "belong to right wing parties."

This report is absolutely incorrect as at least nine of the members do not belong to any political party and three others belong to the Progressive Party but were chosen as well as all others on their personal merits and not because of their political association.

Yours, etc.
(Dr.) J. ROTENSTREICH,
(Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Conference)
Tel Aviv, December 19.

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	90	—	6	6
Nathanya	92	—	12	13
Tel Aviv Port	87	—	12	13
Lydda Airport	92	8	11	12
Jerusalem	89	9	6	6
Beersheba	—	—	—	—

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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4,800 tons of wheat, 4,700 tons of flour and 16 tons of sugar are due in Haifa today.

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Reduced prices will be charged for tickets bought by secondary school students for the violin recitals to be given by Mr. Ossy Renardy on December 29 and January 7, the Tel Aviv Municipality has announced.

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Moshe Nissim, 22, who illegally crossed into Jordan about a month ago was returned to Israel by the Arab Legion yesterday at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem.

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IL.70 worth of clothes and a donkey were stolen from Abdullah Abash in Kfar Manahat, near Jerusalem, on Saturday night.

48 HOUR JUSTICE

HAIFA, Sunday.—Within 48 hours of the theft of IL.30 worth of technical instruments from Haifa Port on Friday, Shlomo Pilpel, 18, a customs clearing clerk, was fined IL.100 by the Haifa Magistrates' Court today. He was also bound over in IL.300 to be of good behaviour for two years. The fact that he suffered from a weak heart saved him from imprisonment.

HISTADRUT BIRTHDAY

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Histadrut Executive has requested all speakers, who will appear at the Federation's 30th anniversary celebrations this week, to discuss only "matters that explain the unifying factors" within the Histadrut, and to refrain from touching on controversial subjects.

The national conferences of the teachers, building trade workers and the Kupat Holim doctors, scheduled for Hanukka week, have been postponed for three weeks at the request of the Histadrut Executive's Central Committee today.

RATION NEWS

TEL AVIV: Fresh fish: carp 200 grams, Mem 22, zones 1 to 6.

JERUSALEM: Bananas: 500 grams, Aleph, Bet and Gimel, Lamed 13, visitors 38. Potatoes: 1 kilo, Kaf 33, visitors 215, zone 9. Tomatoes: 250 grams, Yud 43, visitors 37, zone 2.

HAIFA and SHOMRON: Eggs: 3, Zayin 35. Tnuva butter: 100 grams, Aleph Kaf 41; expectant mothers, 100 grams, Heh 3 special cards; ration for infants from groceries, for expectant mothers from Tnuva. Live poultry: expectant mothers, 500 grams, all Heh and Vav coupons marked "meat." Carp: 150 grams, Mem 12, visitors 41, 50. Potatoes: 1 kilogram, Kaf 33, visitors 39. Bananas: 500 grams, Lamed 28 visitors 49. Tomatoes: 500 grams, Yod 43, visitors 42, zones 1 to 4. Carrots: 250 grams, Kaf 43, visitors 25, zones 1, 2, 5. Eggplant: 100 grams, zones 4, 6, no coupon. Vegetable marrow: 100 grams, zones 7, 8, no coupon.

Each family regardless of the number of its members will receive a box of 44 candles for Hanukka, the Ministry of Commerce announced yesterday.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

Jerusalem: Alba, Zion Square, 3700. Bet Israel, Bet Israel Qr., 3251.

Tel Aviv: Geula, 10 Allenby, 2275. Reitblatt, 19 Nahlat Benyamin. Mosenson, 83 Ben Yehuda, 3481. Shlomo Hamelech, 78 Shlomo Hamelech, 60461. Hadassah, Hatikva Qr., 67684. Sa'ad (Jaffa), 24 Rehov Jerusalem. **Ramat Gan:** Lipschitz, 19 Herzl. **Givatayim:** Hameluke.

Haifa: Gloussman, 13 Balfour, 4033. Anglo-American, 30 Atzmaut, 3505. **Kiryat Motzkin:** Shomron, 7202.

16,000 Completed Training Courses

About 16,000 persons have completed Ministry of Labour vocational courses during the past year-and-a-half, it was reported yesterday in Jerusalem at a press conference by Mr. Z. Berenson, Director General of the Ministry, and Mr. P. Harburger, head of the Training Division.

A half million pounds were allocated to the project during the current fiscal year, but additional funds will be needed if the plan to train 20,000 persons during the next fiscal year is to be implemented, it was said. Two types of training are given: full-time basic courses and advanced evening courses.

Those completing the intensive courses are not fully expert workers and must continue in evening courses to complete their training. This system was instituted, the officials said, since many immigrants could not afford to study for longer periods. Those with families receive loans of IL.1.500 per day during the course. But despite this, they said, there was "no great interest" among the immigrants and a big publicity campaign has been launched in the ma'barot.

Another problem has been to find sufficient places in existing industry to provide students with on-the-job training, which has been found the most effective type of training.

The only places of instruction available for the Ministry's students were a few Histadrut-affiliated factories and Government workshops. The Jewish Agency had given the Ministry three workshops at Bat Galim, Talpiot and the Mahane Israel centre, near Lydda.

Public's Cooperation Asked in Electricity Cuts

Mayor S. Z. Shragai of Jerusalem yesterday called on the public to heed the present restrictions on the use of electricity and the more stringent regulations about to be gazetted.

His appeal came during a Municipal Council debate on the power situation. Several Councillors expressed strong dissatisfaction with the Jerusalem Electric and Public Service Corporation, claiming that the capital was in a worse condition than other parts of the country.

In a brief reference to the conditions brought on by the rains, the Mayor noted that Jerusalem was much better off than other parts of the country and praised the Fire Brigade for its work in pumping out water from a number of buildings.

FORMER YESHIVA MAN MUST SERVE

An application for an order nisi against the Minister of Defence calling on him to show cause why he should not cancel the mobilization order issued to Arye Perl of Jerusalem was refused by the High Court yesterday.

Perl, a mechanic, entered a Yeshiva after his arrival in the country in 1947. In March of this year, when he become 30 years of age, he took up employment as a mechanic.

The Army called up the applicant, though he is over 29, since the general mobilization order issued for Perl's age group was published before he became 29 and was not carried out in his case because he was a Yeshiva student.

WOMAN KILLED ON ROAD

HAIFA, Sunday. — A truck today knocked down and killed Sara Sollaik, 56, of Kiryat Motzkin at 11 o'clock this morning. She is reported to have crossed the street incautiously. The driver was detained.

Soldier Who Killed Three Remanded for 15 Days

REHOVOT, Sunday. — Peter Stein, the soldier who ran amok on Thursday, killing three persons and wounding six others, appeared before Tel Aviv Magistrate Z. Waldman today. He was remanded for 15 days.

The accused, unshaven and dishevelled, seemed indifferent to his surroundings. When a police officer showed Stein some photographs of the scene of the shooting, he remarked that they were technically poor.

Libyan Jews Arrive In s.s. Galilah

HAIFA, Sunday. — The 619 immigrants from Libya who arrived in the s.s. Galila on Friday night disembarked this morning. Among them were over 80 chronically ill or invalids. They were all taken to the Sha'ar Ha'aliya transit camp at Athlit. The next two transports, which will bring the remaining members of the Libyan Jewish community, will include an even higher proportion of ill persons.

More than 170,000 immigrants entered Israel between January and November, the Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research has reported. In November, 5,713 immigrants arrived. During the same month, 1902 tourists visited this country as compared with 2,502 in October. In addition, some 615 persons entered Israel on one day visits in November as compared to 1,535 the previous month. More than 2,830 residents left the country in November as against 2,312 in October.

PEC Adding $10m. More in Projects

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—The Palestine Economic Corporation is this year adding $10m. worth of new projects to its present $25m. holdings in the country. It is also planning a new company with a Revolving Fund of several million dollars in foreign exchange to foster Israel's export trade. These facts were given by the corporation's new President, Mr. Joseph Sugarman, at a reception in his honour in the Sharon Hotel today.

U.S. Ambassador Monnett B. Davis said the PEC stood for the best in the American system of private enterprise and development. Also present were Mr. Bruce McDaniel, the U.S. Grant administrator, Knesset members, Government officials and industrialists.

13 x 18 cm. PRINTS ACCEPTED

Prints of 13x18 cm. will be accepted for the Photographic Competition, jointly sponsored by the Government Press Division and the American Friends for Israel Institutions, it is learned.

The announcement came as a result of a Reader's Letter received by *The Post*, which was forwarded to the Government Press Division complaining that only 20 x 30 cm. prints were accepted. These prints, it was said, were obtainable only on the black market, since there is no import licence for them.

The contest closes on January 3.

CHRISTMAS AMNESTY. — U.S. Occupation authorities yesterday freed 88 Japanese prisoners sentenced by military courts throughout the country.

2,500 From Israel To Visit Bethlehem

About 2,500 persons will cross into Jordan-held territory at Mandelbaum Gate, to travel to Bethlehem for Christmas. In view of the "ever-growing improvement in the arrangements made for crossing the lines during the past year, it has been possible to allow double the number of persons to make the pilgrimage this year," an official statement said yesterday.

In addition to diplomats and clergy, tourists and foreign residents employed by Government, banks, factories and airlines, as well as Arab clergy and residents of Israel will be permitted to cross the lines.

Thirty nationalities are represented among pilgrims. Students of the Swedish Theological Institute and orphans and invalids of the St. Vincent de Paul Convent in Jerusalem, and Arab students of the Hebrew University, have also been enabled to cross to the Old City and Bethlehem.

The Jerusalem District Representative, in releasing this information, pointed with gratification to the "spirit of cooperation which exists between Israel and Jordan, which permitted the free movement of worshippers, and hoped that such movement in future will be rapidly freed from any restrictions."

The traditional road to Bethlehem will be opened for 24 hours from tonight to members of the Jerusalem Consular Corps and U.N. staff.

'The Times' To Be Prosecuted Soon

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — "The Times," one of Britain's oldest and most respected newspapers, is to be prosecuted under a British election law for publishing an advertisement, shortly before the general election, which commented on the Labour Government's financial policies.

When asked to comment on reports appearing in the "Daily Herald" and the "Sunday Dispatch," "The Times" confirmed that a summons had been issued.

The summons was said by the "Sunday Dispatch" today to have been issued under an election act dealing with unauthorised spending by election candidates, an act which deals with "corrupt practices."

According to the Conservative "Sunday Dispatch" the summons alleges that a company report inserted as a 1,800 word advertisement in "The Times" by the Tronok-Malayan tin group of companies, was devoted largely to criticism of the Labour Government's financial policy and referred in particular to the effect this would have on the fortunes of the group.

Austria May Give Loan to Israel

VIENNA, Sunday, (INA). — The Austrian Government is considering the granting of a loan to Israel, according to reports in circulation here of an interview granted by Chancellor Figl to Mr. E. Unger, editor of the Tel Aviv paper "Yedioth Hadashot."

High officials of the Chancellory confirmed the reports, but did not say how much the sum in question was. According to these sources, the loan is expected to display Austria's good-will towards the Jewish state.

Meanwhile, it was revealed that a student exchange plan between Israel and Austria is well advanced and it is hoped that between 100 and 120 students from both countries will avail themselves of these facilities in 1952. The Israelis are to be accommodated in a camp in the Salzkammergut.

Cables in Brief

IMMIGRANTS. — A total of 4,756 Jewish immigrants entered Canada in the first nine months of 1951, it was announced in Ottawa. The number of Jews who reached Canada as immigrants in the corresponding period of 1950 was only 1,828.

ATTACK. — Communist rebels made a surprise attack on Nattali, railway town 250 kilometres north-west of Rangoon on the line to Prome, and looted the town before the local garrison drove them out again, according to reports reaching Rangoon yesterday.

DEPARTURE. — The Tunisian delegation which came to France in November to negotiate with the French Government on the basis of the Tunisian note of October 31, asking for home rule and other reforms, left Paris on Saturday for Marseilles, whence it will sail for Tunis.

SOVIET GIFT. — A gift shipment of flour, other foods and tractors, worth 700m. lire arrived in Genoa from the Soviet Union yesterday. Communists crammed the ports to welcome the ship but no Italian Government representative was present.

COMMAND. — General Eisenhower's headquarters in Paris announced yesterday that the Italian Admiral Massimo Girosi had been appointed to a naval command in the Central Mediterranean under Admiral Carney's Southern Europe Command.

COMMUNICATIONS. — A strike among radio operators of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission yesterday virtually isolated Australia from the rest of the world, and officials feared the strike might spread to the message-choked cable system.

ON THE AIR

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m. 1.30, 6, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m.; **English:** 2 and 9.30 p.m.; **Arabic Programme** (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; **French:** 3 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. **6.35** Exercises. **6.45** Musical Clock (R). **7.15** Melodies. **7.45** Oriental Music (R) **8.30** Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Morning Concert (R). **10.30** Music of the People (R). **11.00** Concert Hall: Choral Prelude (Bach); Concerto Grosso "L'Inverno" from "La Quattro Stagioni" (Vivaldi); Cello Concerto (Haydn); Symphony in D (Micva). **12.00 N.** Break for Music (R), **12.30** Programme for Hospitals. **1.00** Soldiers' Programme, **1.45** Housewives' Corner **3.15** Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Variety (R). **4.30** Vocal Recital: Rela Sternberg. **4.45** Oriental Music: E. Aharon. **5.00** Programme for Yemenites. **5.20** Andres Segovia (R). **5.30** Child's Corner. **5.45** Agricultural Corner. **6.15** Language Corner. **6.30** Children's Hour. **7.00** "From Worker to Worker": Talk. **7.45** Bible Reading. **8.00** Kindling of the Lights **8.05** Soldiers' Programme. **8.45** Piano Recital: Nadia Eitingon Reichert: Waltzes. **9.15** Vocal Recital: Efraim Di-Zahav. **9.45** The Curtain Rises. **10.30** Recital: Sascha Parnes and Moshe Lustig. **11.05** Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (32.3 & 460 M.): **6.30 p.m. French;** 7.00 p.m. **Ladino;** 7.30 p.m. **Yiddish.**

ARMY PROGRAMMES (220, 325 & 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.35 Literary Corner 6.45 Requests. 7.20 Today's Events. 7.35 "The Soldier as a Civilian." 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.45 Musical Quiz. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

Entertainment

JERUSALEM

11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel: Keren Hayesod Head Office.
at 6.30 & 8.30
ARMON: You Can't Take It With You.
EDEN: The Magnificent Yankee. Also at 3.
EDISON: Hit Parade of 1951 — (6.30 only)
ORION: Fun and Fancy Free; also Savage Splendor. (10.30; 2; 4.15 & 8.30).
SEMADAR: Yihyah El Houb (Arabic film).
STUDIO: L'Elisir D'Amore. Also at 3.
ZION: On the Riviera.

TEL AVIV

7 & 9.40 p.m.: George Val presents "Li-La-Lo News" by Lica Grunberg; Yasha Heifetz Hall.
8 p.m.: "Queen of Sheba"; Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.

TOURISTS meet for tea at the
KDH
KING DAVID HOTEL

Social & Personal

The Australian Minister and Mrs. Fuhrman left Tel Aviv yesterday for a short Christmas vacation. They will return on December 31.

Mr. Clarence M. Ezard, the British Consul General in Haifa, returned in the s.s. Champollion yesterday.

Mr. Walter Wreschner, president of the Keren Hayesod in Switzerland, recently arrived on a visit.

An exhibition commemorating the 22 year history of the Jerusalem Takkemoni's school newspaper, "Haverenu," will be opened by Mr. Justice Cheshin at the school at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Yosef Tchornicki, director of the Latin American Department of the Keren Hayesod, has gone abroad on official business.

A United Christmas Carol Service will be held in the YMCA Auditorium at 8.30 p.m. tonight. The public is welcome.

Owing to prevailing weather conditions, the laying of the cornerstone of our factory for hollow glass, scheduled for Wednesday, December 26, has been postponed. The ceremony will take place on noon Thursday, January 3, in the industrial quarter of Beersheba. Mifalei Zhuhit Banegev Ltd. (Advt.)

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FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN THE MIFAL HA'PAYIS

(LOTTERY PROJECT)

Tel Aviv. — The Board of Directors of the Lottery Project has decided to make fundamental changes in the system of the Lottery Project draws. This decision was taken following the experience of three draws of the first series, and after receiving suggestions from the Public Relations Department of the Project.

To understand all the changes and their importance, one must compare the old system with the following new one:

1) The minimum prize in the first draw is IL.2; in the second draw — IL.3, and in the third draw — IL.2. In addition, 30,000 winners of the minimum prizes have the immediate opportunity of acquiring a ticket for the new series, which will be called 1952/Bet.

2) Numbers of winning tickets in one draw will not be excluded from, and can be renewed by the owner for the following draw, against payment of IL.1 only.

3) The numbers of the tickets sold will be drawn at one main ballot box, and one subsidiary box, in the following way:

The smaller prize-winning numbers will be drawn from the main ballot box, and each winning number will determine the prize for this number in all series.

Winning numbers of the average and big prizes will be drawn from both ballot boxes at the same time. Therefore, a number drawn from the main ballot box WILL NOT DETERMINE more than one winning ticket.

The Board of Directors of the Mif'al Ha'payis hopes that the participants in the draws of the Project who have not understood the drawing system employed until now, with respect to the three above-mentioned points, will appreciate the changes made. These changes were introduced to prove to the public that the Mif'al Ha'payis is a popular project, and that the public's opinion both determines and guides the Directors. (Advt.)

Keeping Posted

A newspaperman we know was standing in Mograbi Square in Tel Aviv last Monday, waiting to see the demonstration in support of the striking seamen. It was all taking time, and he decided to buy a sandwich at a kiosk. As he took out his money to pay, a sudden wind swept the square and tore the hat from his head. He put out his hand to save the hat, and all his money blew away, sending a flurry of pound notes whirling along the pavement. For once nobody just gaped, and half a dozen people helped to catch flying notes and collect change from the gutter; even the hat turned up. In recognition of collective honesty that might well have cost him quite a sum, the reporter has sent IL.2 to the Toy Fund, with a reminder that the 500 pruta fee for the story should be added to it.

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Of all the letters from children that have arrived at these offices together with gifts for the Toy Fund, our favourite is a picture drawn by a boy of about 8, depicting a large and elaborate house, with plenty of doors and windows and balconies decorated with iron scrolls and plants. The message says "I hope that your parents will soon have a house like this to live in."

LAST Friday the Post Offices all over Israel were swamped by telegrams explaining that so-and-so had been unable to get home for Shabbat, but that he or she was quite all right. One such message was addressed to a member of the staff of this paper, but arrived after she had left for her home in Mekor Haim. The Post Office operator who phoned the message was most distressed. What was her home address? She would be sure to worry if she failed to get the message. We told him, Mekor Haim. The message was delivered.

Today's contributors are E.G., Tel Aviv, whose fee goes to the Toy Fund, and H.R., Jerusalem.

ORCHESTRA

SPECIAL CONCERT
(Not included in any subscription series)
Conductor: Igor Markevitch
Soloist: Pnina Salzman (piano)
TEL AVIV, Sunday Dec. 30
"Ohel Shem" at 8.30 p.m.
Symphony No. 6 "Pathetique" — Tschaikowsky
Piano Concerto in E Minor — Chopin
Overture "Wilhelm Tell" — Rossini
Sale of tickets as from Today at the I.P.O. Office, 30 Allenby Rd. 11 a.m.—2 p.m.; 4—6 p.m.

SPECIAL CONCERT
JERUSALEM, Thurs. Jan. 3, 1952, "Edison" at 9 p.m.
Conductor: Igor Markevitch
Soloist: Ossy Renardy (Violin)
Sale of tickets as from Today at Cahana's.

VIOLIN RECITALS
OSSY RENARDY
TEL AVIV, Saturday, Dec. 29 and Monday, Jan. 7, 1952
At the [illegible]
Sale of tickets at the I.P.O. Office, 30 Allenby Rd. 11 a.m.—2 p.m.; 4—6 p.m.

Personal Notices

LOUIS and HETTA SHAPIRO
(nee Brunton)
are happy to announce the
BIRTH of a DAUGHTER — SHEILA
Dr. Better's Maternity Home, Haifa.
December 20, 1951. 19 Stella Maris

Dr. Josef and Mina ROSNER — Golda and Ephraim SHALIT
have pleasure in inviting their relatives, friends and acquaintances to the wedding ceremony of their children at Kiryat Anavim
Isaac Gidon (Pizi) — *Riva*
The ceremony will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 25 at 6.30 p.m. Reception until midnight.
Special travelling arrangements for the night return trip to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.
Please regard this as a personal invitation.

With deep regret we announce the death at his home in London of
CANTOR S. PINCASOVICH
formerly of Johannesburg, Berlin and Manchester, on December 10, 1951, at the age of 64.
The Families of Dr. J. Eker, Sheffield
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RAMAT GAN: Tomorrow, Dec. 25: 8.30 p.m.
Tickets: Rokoko, 11 Kikar Dizengoff; Kanaf, 83 Allenby Rd., Tel Aviv; 9 Bustros, Jaffa; Rechnitz, 57 Rehov Bialik, Ramat Gan.

STATE OF ISRAEL

NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC

The Ministry of Trade and Industry announces that all the meetings arranged to take place tomorrow, December 25, between representatives of the public and of the Ministry, have been postponed until further notice.

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CALENDAR OF WIZO EVENTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE "WIZO FOR THE MA'BARA" DRIVE

Tonight Dec. 24	KFAR SABA	Hanukka Bazaar in Beth Hapoalim at 8.30 p.m. (together with Imahot Ovdot).
	MAGDIEL	Hanukka Party at 8 p.m.
	BEERSHEVA	Hanukka Party for children at 3 p.m.
	TIRA	Hanukka Bazaar in Wizo Workshop at 3 p.m.
	ACRE	Hanukka Party at 3 p.m.
	TEL AVIV	Opening of Hanukka Bazaar at the Bilu School, 120 Rothschild Boulevard at 4 p.m. — Selected Programme at 8 p.m.
	LYDDA	Hanukka Party together with Ramleh Young Wizo at 8 p.m.
Tomorrow Dec. 25	RAANANA	Hanukka Party at Workers' School at 8.30 p.m.
	HOLON	Hanukka Bazaar at the Agrobank School at 8.30 p.m.
	MONTEFIORE	Hanukka Party at 8 p.m.
	KADIMA	Hanukka Party in the Cinema Hall at 8 p.m.
	KFAR SABA	Hanukka Party for children.
	TEL AVIV	Continuation of Bazaar at Bilu School Selected Programme at 8 p.m.